(ii) Self-regulation by managements;

(iii) Workers participation in safety management.

(iv) Tripartite and Bipartite reviews of safety measures at different levels.

(v) Training of work persons.

(vi) Observance of safety weeks and safety campaigns.

(vii) National Safety Awards.

(viii) Establishment of National Mines Safety and Health Academy at Dhanbad and Nagpur.

(ix) Training and retraining of officers of Directorate General of Mines Safety.

M/s. Nagrath Fire Bricks and Potteries (P) Ltd.

3693. SHRI MD. SALIM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the advertisement of notice to the creditors to prove their claim to the official liquidator of the Delhi High Court in the matter of M/s. Nagrath Fire Bricks and Potteries (P) Ltd. in liquidation and if so, the response thereof;

(b) whether similar notice has also been given to the workers of the unions representing them to put forward their claims for dues and if so, the details thereof; and

(c) steps taken to clear the dues of the workers ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Exploitation of Child Labour in Maharashtra

3694. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that, as reported in Times of India dated the 24th October, 1993, child labour and social exploitation is rampant in Wani town of Yavatmal District as also in other rural areas of Maharashtra;

(b) whether apart from local boys, many from Tamil Nadu have been brought here as bonded labour by contractors to work in quarries, brick and lime kilns, hotels and in farms; and

(c) whether any report of torture and even murder have been lodged with the Wani police against the bonded children and if so, what action has been taken to put an end to this socially heinous crime ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR (SHRI P. A. SANGMA) : (a) to (c) As informed by the State Government, the overall incidence of child labour exploitation in the town of Wani in Yavatmal District of Maharashtra is not high. However, boys from Tamil Nadu have been found to be employed and in one case death of a child worker is reported. The employer, M/s. O. R. Rajendra has been prosecuted and convicted under Section 32 of the Bombay Shops and Establishments Act, 1948. The employer has also been prosecuted under Indian Penal Code and Bonded Labour System (Abolition) Act, 1976. The police have arrested the offenders who were charge-sheeted in this case. Apart from inspection, the Labour Commissioner organised a special inspection drive to check employment of child labour in quarries, brick kilns, hotels and in firms. The police are alert in respect of such cases and proper legal action is taken immediately.